

Original Comedy Taking Form for Chapel Theatre

By BETTY SCHROEDER
Cast and crew of Chapel Theatre's newest production "Houseboat Named Pebbles" are in a constant state of chaotic amusement during rehearsals of this new and original play written by C. Y. Lee, who wrote the fabulous "Flower Drum Song." Mr. Lee has chosen Chapel Theatre to premiere his new two-act comedy and

has been rewriting his newest original as the rehearsals progress. So hilarious is this story in plot and characters, that director Fred West has his hands full trying to keep some semblance of order among his cast as each one out-does the other in comedy aspects. West also stated that this play is a challenge to each actor, as each is

a vital role, whether major or minor, in its characterization, quality and performance. DECIDING TO write the great American novel, Carl and Rita Tinkler move onto a houseboat for a year's time so Carl can obtain atmosphere for his book. Not being able to conjure up any ideas, Carl decides he and his wife should join a

lonely hearts club. The characters they meet are a conglomeration of descriptions, and the eccentricity making for riotous comedy situations, together with bits of misadventures to provide merriment for all viewers. Carl is portrayed by Kirk Dadison of Hollywood, Rita by Gretchen Cole of Santa Monica; Genevieve Backus of Man-

hattan Beach is the houseboat landlady, Grace; Jack Daly of Redondo Beach is Rita's brother, Sam; Yvonne Bendix of Hawthorne is Emily, and Romana Bingham of Redondo Beach is Anna—sisters who own and operate the lonely hearts club; Anitra Johnson of Westwood portrays the oriental charmer, Mary Loo, hired by Rita to see if Carl is faithful to her; Warren Lavender of Hermosa Beach, a Swedish gentleman; Carolyn Conwell of San Pedro is Elsa, and Warren Dieter of San Pedro is Mr. Peabody, all members of the friendship club; Sally Slater of Torrance as The Girl; and the blonde magazine salesgirl is portrayed by Dixie Riggs.

"Houseboat Named Pebbles" scheduled for July 12th, cast and production crew are working diligently to put finishing touches on the set and costumes. Anyone interested in learning about the theater, whether backstage, construction of sets, acting, directing, or the many phases of theater administration is welcome to become acquainted with Chapel Theatre. Ed Long, recently appointed assistant resident director, as well as various members of the Board of Directors, will be happy to explain the workings of Chapel Theatre.

"Houseboat Named Pebbles" will be presented for five weekends from July 12th to Aug. 10th, Fridays through Sundays, at Chapel Theatre, located on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty property, 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy. Reservations should be made in advance of the performance desired, as several evenings have been sold, by contacting the box office at FR 2-9636. Admission is \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays, \$1.75 Saturdays, with special club and organization rates given.

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Jackson Makes Dean's List Gregory T. Jackson of Torrance was among 435 students who were named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of California at Riverside. The list was compiled after the end of the spring semester. To be eligible for the list, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester units and maintain a 3.0 average.

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